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HUAN CHUSER ROBBERS

Meet With Overwhelming Defeat by the Russians

Russians Loss Was Only Fourteen but the Brigands Were Almost Annihilated

Port Arthur, Manchuria, Dec. 7.—A dispatch today reports a fierce encounter between 600 Russians and several hundred Huan Chuser robbers, in Manchuria. The brigands suffered an overwhelming defeat, and enormous loss, while the Russians lost but a few killed and wounded.

Killed His Wife.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—George Beas, a lineman from Los Angeles, shot and mortally wounded his wife, and then put a bullet in his own neck, but is not fatally injured. Mrs. Beas left her husband two months ago in Los Angeles, and came here. Beas followed, and discovered the woman this morning. He besought her to return, and, on her refusal, shot her.

Bankruptcy Laws.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Edwin Brannen, who is in charge of the bankruptcy affairs of the department of justice, has submitted his report for the year ending September 30th. He emphasizes the value of the law to both debtor and creditor. The number of voluntary petitions in bankruptcy is approximately 14,000 against

16,000 the previous year. Alabama had the greatest number, New York and Arizona had only two cases, Nevada and Porto Rico three each, New Mexico four, Alaska six, Hawaii seven, and Wyoming eleven. The report says the law, in times of financial depression will do much to prevent a panic.

Germany Wants Trusts.

Dresden, Dec. 7.—League Saxons, the industrial capitalists, are holding a meeting here today to consider means of defense against American commercial competition. Millionaire Petschow, in his speech, declared Germany would soon be completely beneath the yoke of American capital, largely due to the magnificent organization of the American consular service, which spies out everything profitable, and issues trade bulletins, which thoroughly inform American manufacturers of foreign demands. He declared the only method of fighting would be the formation of immense German trusts on American lines.

Takes Some Money.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The book of estimates for appropriations for the fiscal year ending June, 1905, prepared by the secretary of the treasury, went to congress today. The total is \$624,502,146, as against \$589,189,113 for the year ending June 30, 1904. It is divided approximately as follows: Legislation, \$5,250,000; executive, \$30,000,000; judicial, \$900,000; foreign interior, \$2,250,000; military, \$77,800,000; naval, \$90,963,000; Indians, \$7,500,000; pensions, \$138,000,000; public works, \$67,300,000; postal, \$8,500,000. The balance is miscellaneous and permanent annual appropriations.

Princess a Murderess.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The actress, Clara Zeigler, who was shot by Princess Elizabeth, died today. The princess will probably be compelled to stand trial, as she sacrificed all her privileges when she married Prince Otto. In opposition to the wishes of her imperial grandfather, Emperor Franz Joseph.

New York Hotel Burns.

New York, Dec. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed the Wyandott hotel on 9th and Fifty-third streets. It was occupied by 50 families, but none are believed killed. The firemen made several thrilling rescues.

Recognize Panama.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Count Cassini has formally notified the state department today that Russia has recognized the new republic of Panama.

EXCITING MUNICIPAL CONTEST

Polltax Restriction Attempted in Most Wards at the City Election

Many Legal Voters Being Shut Out From Voting by the Unconstitutional Citizens Charter--If the Republicans Win the Opposition May Question the Legality of the Election and Try to Count Them Out on Technical Grounds

A very exciting city election is closing at 4 o'clock today. The campaign was carried on some on Sunday even, the Republican press committee getting out a scorching campaign extra, charging that all the saloon men in the city had gone solidly to the support of P. S. Knight for mayor. Bill Anderson had the usual amount of free advertising in the "Extra."

This was scattered all over the city by carriers, and created a sensation, as it was read on all the street cars and by people going home from church. The church federation redoubled their efforts to counteract its effect, and nearly every pulpit poured forth distressing sermons about the need or moral purification of the city. At the First M. E. church Rev. Hoppe discoursed on "The Gambling Evil of Our City—Shall It Continue?" He charged that the present city police officers dared not enforce the laws, and, therefore, were violators themselves, or were ignorant of the laws and their duties, or were moral cowards, and indifferent to their duty. Most of the pulpits rang with de-

nunciations of vice, and pictured Salem as another Seattle.

No Poll Tax Restriction

Was tolerated in the seventh ward, one of the Citizens' judges joining with the Republican judge, and allowing all legal voters to vote under the constitutional provision. The Republicans were out in full force and elected Alex. Dane judge of election, to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of W. B. Simpson. Two county road supervisors were present by order of the city officials, but made no effort to interfere with any one voting.

Fourth Ward.

Here a hot fight prevailed over the poll tax restriction, many being turned away from the polls for not having paid the tax. The Republican judge protested, but was overruled by the two Citizens, who, with Jos. Albert as challenger, drew the list furnished by the street commissioner, on every voter who had not paid. It was stand and deliver, or not vote. A small vote will be polled there.

In the Third Ward.

A man who has lived in Salem 30 years appeared to vote but, as he had moved from some other ward to the third only 15 days before, was denied the right to vote for mayor, because he had "lost his residence."

In the Fifth Ward.

No effort was made at enforcing the poll tax restriction, and there was general protest at the plan of having the county supervisors come into the city and determine who should vote at an election under a city charter. In the sixth ward the same was true, no challenges being entertained on the

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MOST NOBLE SUCKER

Countess Russell Wants to Shake Her Coachman Husband

Draw Two Blanks in the Marital Lottery and Pines for Freedom Again

London, Dec. 7.—Countess Russell today applied for a divorce from her coachman husband, William Brown, alleging cruelty and misconduct. The hearing will be held Thursday. The countess, marital experience has been very unsatisfactory. She was divorced from Earl Russell, after causing his punishment for an alleged bigamous marriage with an American. Shortly afterward she met Brown, who was masquerading as Prince Athol Stuart De Modena. When exposed she had him sent to jail. They were reunited but a short time ago.

The Gas Exploded.

Madrid, Dec. 7.—Eleven were killed and four injured by a gas explosion at the Mieres coal mine today.

Fresh Naval Oranges Lemond 10c Dozen

Zinn's

54 State St. Phone 1971 Main.

You're Making Fancy Work for

Christmas?

Then you should see our line of Silks and Satins, Velvets and Velyeteens, Cushion tops, Cushion cords, Embroidery silk, Knitting silk, Ribbons. Fine laces for handkerchief trimming. Fine linen by the yard for handkerchief centers.

Everything for fancy work. Fleischers Shetland Floss Yarn 90c per pound. Rubber doll heads and steel doll heads. They look like bisque but the children can't break them.

Our full line of

Holiday Goods

is now ready

Dolls, games, picture books, toilet cases, collar and cuff boxes, smoking sets, handkerchiefs, mufflers, neckwear, table linens, napkins, stand covers, and everything you want in regular lines for practical presents, shoe, clothing, overcoats, hats, comforts and blankets.

We sell Holiday goods on the same margin of profits as regular lines, that's why Holiday shoppers trade with Salem's cheapest cash store.

THE NEW YORK RACKET

E. T. BARNES, Proprietor

The Holiday Goods Store

EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES for money saving in our ready-to-wear department. The weather at present—in fact most any winter weather—calls for the convenient suits with skirts that escape the ground. And now you may buy very handsome suits at unusually low prices.



Grey Cheviot, well tailored, stylish, well finished skirt, worth \$15.00, for

\$8.50

Brown Cheviot, an elegant bargain at the usual price of \$18.00. During this sale at

\$12

A fine suit of tan Melton, finely finished and tailored, nicely finished skirt, well worth \$25.00. Now

\$16.50

Jos. Meyers & Sons

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE THE WHITE CORNER

Queen Doll Holds Sway Over the little girls who visit our doll department on the second floor. Expressions of delight are heard on every side. Dolls of every description from the wee ones to the large life-like ones to the large life-like kind. We can certainly claim you in this department.

\$1, \$10

TOYS of every description and from all parts of the globe. In this department we show more toys than all the local houses combined and our variety and assortment is the finest ever collected in the Willamette valley.

Toys for baby. Toys for sister. Toys for brother.

Time for hesitation is past. With Christmas hardly more than two weeks away, you've a lot to do. And some things won't wait. Especially these splendidly comprehensive assortments of holiday novelties. The unalterable law of trade is "first come, first served." A new energy has caught the people. Halfhearted interest has given away to earnest buying. "There's a Christmas feeling in the air." This week we respond with increased sales force at many counters. Helpful service awaits you, and stocks are at their best. It's up to you.



TREE ORNAMENTS

The finest and most complete assortment of tree decorations we have ever shown. The stock fairly glitters in its brilliancy, and will go a great way toward making your Christmas tree look the finest yet. All styles—all prices.



Who Knows

but the boy—the toy that "goes" and demonstrates some principle of applied science may unfold the natural bent of your boy's mind. Watts, for want of mechanical toys, played with the teakettle and found the steam engine. The study of anything educates—for better or worse—and what seems only pastime often leads to important discoveries. Any toy that goes. Have you looked over our line of mechanical toys? Your boy may find his ideal here.



A Magnificent Line

Of Cups and Saucers in all sizes, from the wee teas to the large coffees, also a full line of fancy plates, vases of Austrian ware, Bohemian glass, Royal Vienna, Redwood, Porcelain, etc., etc. Do not fail to visit this department when on the second floor.

The Greatest Store

MEN'S SUITS. Business suits require care in design and making to give the good service demanded of them. In perfection of fit, in correctness of style—up to the requirements of the minute—in thorough-going workmanship—invisible as well as visible—in reliability of materials the Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothing for men is impossible to better. Large assortment from which to choose.

\$10 to \$25



MEN'S OVERCOATS.

Satisfaction is what you get when you buy an overcoat here. The word comprises latest style—best materials—perfect fit—guaranteed durability—reasonable price and solid comfort. What more could you expect from an overcoat.

Full and complete line, including the genuine "Cravenette."

\$10 to \$22.50